

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, lines 4-8, please amend the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section by replacing the existing paragraph with a new one that reads as follows:

--This application is a divisional of prior U.S. Application No. 09/715,830 filed November 17, 2000, now ~~allowed~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,641,948, which patent claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/166,372 filed November 17, 1999; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/139,205 filed March 14, 2000, and; U.S. Provisional Application 60/200,866 filed May 2, 2000; which nonprovisional and provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

On page 9, lines 1-2, please amend the brief description of Figure 11A by replacing the existing paragraph with a new one that reads as follows:

~~FIG. 11A illustrates a cross sectional view of an exemplary electrode assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.~~

Figure 11A illustrates a cross-sectional view of an exemplary electrode assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. As illustrated, the exemplary electrode pair assembly depicts the anode (*i.e.*, an electrode) having a plurality of parallel pores that extend through the support structure.

On page 9, lines 5-6, please amend the brief description of Figure 12A by replacing the existing paragraph with a new one that reads as follows:

~~FIG. 12A illustrates a cross sectional view of an exemplary electrode assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.~~

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Figure 12A illustrates a cross-sectional view of an exemplary electrode assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. As illustrated, the exemplary electrode pair assembly depicts the anode (i.e., an electrode) having a plurality of parallel pores that extend through the support structure.